

27 May 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Current Intelligence
SUBJECT : Contacting the Director on Last Night's
CRITIC

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1. The CRITIC,

[REDACTED] came in at 1622 hours. We began the automatic procedures which follow. Per your instructions at 1630 hours, we began our effort to contact Mr. McCone. We did not reach Mr. McCone until 1720 hours.

2. Normally in a situation like this we contact the Director's Security Aide. Last night we were told that Mr. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] of Security would know the Director's whereabouts and that [REDACTED] would be at the Director's residence at 1730. As it actually worked out, we were unable to contact either of the Director's Security Aides. [REDACTED] subsequently called in, at 2010 hours, to state that he had been en route to the Director's residence at the time of the CRITIC and that he had stopped by the home of Senator Symington for security purposes before going on to the Director's home.

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3. We learned the Director's whereabouts from his housekeeper at 1645 hours and initiated a call to the Chevy Chase Country Club where we subsequently contacted Mr. McCone.

4. While in this instance a lapse of 50 minutes before contacting the Director was not vital, it could prove extremely embarrassing under other circumstances. In this instance it also appears that there were understandable reasons for not being able to contact the Security Aides. However, it would be of considerable assistance to us if the Security Aides themselves made it an iron-clad routine to be sure: (a) that the Watch Office knows at all times where Mr. McCone can be located, and (b) there is someone available either with the Director or at his residence to ensure that contact is made.

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